



## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1653

**PATENT** 

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 09471.0011

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Florence Nicolas <i>et al.</i>	) )
Application No.: 09/914,426	)
Filed: January 7, 2002	Group Art Unit: 1653
For: COLLAGENIC PEPTIDES  MODIFIED BY GRAFTING  MERCAPTOFUNCTIONS,  METHOD FOR THE  PRODUCTION THEREOF AND  USES THEREOF AS  BIOMATERIALS	Examiner: Abdel A. Mohamed  Confirmation No. 5423

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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. Applicants request entry of the Amendment because it places the application in condition for allowance, or it will reduce the number of issues for appeal. In view of the Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and fee submitted herewith, this reply is due by February 10, 2005, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page. Applicants present their remarks on the pending rejections after the amendments.